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Applicant/Patent Owner: Alvarez, et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 10/802,226

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Entitled: **FLEXIBLE CONTACT CONNECTOR**

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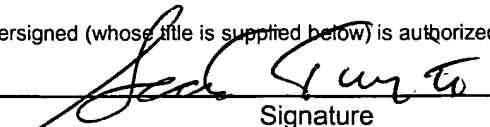
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**ASSIGNMENT  
(Joint Inventors)**

WHEREAS we, Joseph Alvarez and Morgan Wireman (hereinafter "Assignors"), residing respectively at 3355 Kilgore, Avoca, MI. 48006; and 1659 Harvard, Berkley, MI. 48072, have invented new and useful improvements in:

**FLEXIBLE CONTACT CONNECTOR**

which is set forth in the United States Patent Application filed March 17, 2004 and amended by any amendment thereto submitted therewith (if any), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/455,180 filed March 17, 2003;

AND WHEREAS, Lionel L.L.C. (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), of 26750 23 Mile Road, Chesterfield, MI 48051-1956, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention and said application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have assigned, sold and set over, and by these presents assign, sell and set over unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, for the territory of the United States of America and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application for Letters Patent, including the right to file foreign patent applications corresponding to said application, and the right to claim the date of said application for Letters Patent and any legal equivalents thereof, and any and all Letters Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents prepared and executed by Assignors on even date herewith, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the Assignors had this Assignment and sale not been made.

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request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said Assignee in accordance with this Agreement.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal on this  
17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004

Jose Alvarez  
Joseph Alvarez

STATE OF Michigan )  
COUNTY OF Macomb )

Before me personally appeared said Joseph Alvarez and  
acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his own free act and deed, the 17<sup>th</sup> of  
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Marilyn R. Kryscynski  
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal on this  
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